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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IC

SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY PERMANENT  
UNDERSECRETARY HELGASON

1. DURING CORDIAL, INFORMAL CHAT WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY VINE, HELGASON SAID MINISTER REGRETTED THAT ILLNESS  
PREVENTED JULY VISIT BUT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO RESCHEDULE  
TRIP TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. HELGASON ADDED THAT  
US DECISION ON TERMINAL ISSUE WAS DISAPPOINTMENT FOR  
ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT AND MINISTER PLANNED TO RAISE THIS  
QUESTION WHEN HE COMES.

2. VINE REPLIED US SIDE WAS ALSO SORRY MINISTER HAD TO  
CANCEL VISIT AND WE WERE PREPARED FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS  
ON TERMINAL ISSUE. HELGASON WAS ADVISED THAT US INTENDS  
TO LIVE UP TO 1974 MOU, INCLUDING SEPARATION OF  
FACILITIES, BUT WE DID NOT PERCEIVE US DECISION ON  
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TERMINAL BUILDING AS A FLAT REJECTION IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL  
PLANNED US CONTRIBUTION TO TERMINAL COMPLEX IN FORM OF  
ROADS, RAMPS AND TAXIWAYS.

3. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE STUDY ON US SEA CONTROL  
MISSION (GUIDANCE SENT SEPTTEL) WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY.

HELGASON VOICED CONCERN THAT THIS WOULD RECEIVE EXTENSIVE  
PRESS PLAY AND HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ICELANDIC  
CITIZENRY ALREADY TURNED OFF ON NATO BY LAST COD  
WAR. HELGASON FELT REAL DANGER IN ICELAND IS LIKELIHOOD  
THAT STUDY WOULD BE VIEWED AS OFFICIAL USG POLICY. CHRISTOPHER

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